

## 1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to  
3 express their sincere condolences to the family and friends  
4 of Arlena Beatryce Williams, who passed away on June 11,  
5 2001; and

6 WHEREAS, Arlena Beatryce Williams was born to Lawrence  
7 Carter and Beriland Wright on June 27, 1929; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams attended Dunbar Elementary School  
9 and graduated from Lincoln High School, both in East St.  
10 Louis; she also attended Mildred Louise Business College and  
11 State Community College of East St. Louis; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams was married for the past 32 years  
13 to Charles Williams, who passed away shortly before her  
14 death; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams' work career began shortly after  
16 high school at Famous Barr Department store in St. Louis,  
17 Missouri as an elevator operator, and later as a sales person  
18 in the china department and as a supervisor in the paint  
19 department; years later, she was employed at the Federal  
20 Reserve Bank in St. Louis as a data check processor until her  
21 retirement in June of 1989; after her retirement, she joined  
22 the staff at the Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School as a  
23 foster grandparent; and

24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams served as a member of the Greater  
25 New Hope Baptist Church where she was a member of the Angelic  
26 Choir, Mass Choir, and the Church Aide Society; she was also  
27 a member of the Carousel Social Club for over 20 years, where  
28 she served as secretary, and a member of the Truelight  
29 Baptist Church in East St. Louis; and

30 WHEREAS, The passing of Arlena Beatryce Williams will be  
31 deeply felt by all who knew and loved her, especially her

1 daughters, Sherry Boozer and Racel Moody; her son-in-law,  
2 Roosevelt Boozer; her grandchildren, Eric Eugene Nelson,  
3 Terri Denise Nelson, and Sterling Moody, Jr.; her sisters,  
4 Betty Brewer and Elaine Johnson; her niece, Shana Brewer; her  
5 nephews, Amos Brewer, III and Keith Brewer; her  
6 stepdaughters, Janina (Terry) Turley and Shana Snowden; her  
7 adopted sisters, Bonnie Snowden, Marie Lawson, Cleo Lewis,  
8 and Roberta Cozart; her cousins, Lovie Carothers and Lucille  
9 Scott; a host of devoted nieces and nephews; her adopted son;  
10 and several adopted daughters, cousins, and friends;  
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
14 all who knew her, the death of Arlena Beatryce Williams; and  
15 be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to the family of Arlena Beatryce Williams with our  
18 sincere condolences.